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Ronald J. Tenpas, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, announced today that on February 27, 2004, **RAYFORD P. WILLIAMS**, age 32, of Greenville, Illinois, pled guilty to a two (2) count indictment charging him with unlawful possession of a prohibited object by an inmate of a federal correctional institution, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1791(a)(2). The violations took place on April 28, 2002, through April 30, 2003, in Bond County, Illinois, when **WILLIAMS** was observed swallowing an unknown object. Correctional officers later recovered two (2) yellow balloons from **WILLIAMS'** feces, one balloon contained heroin and the other powder cocaine.

The offense carries with it a maximum penalty of twenty (20) years' imprisonment, or a fine of \$250,000, or both, and no more than three (3) years of supervised release. Sentencing is scheduled for June 25, 2003, in East St. Louis, Illinois.

The investigation was conducted by the Federal Correctional Facility at Greenville, Illinois, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The case is being handled by Assistant United States Attorney Angela Scott.